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CAIRO RADIO QUOTES CIA FIGURES ON ISRAELI LOSSES

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(TEXT) CIA SOURCES IN WASHINGTON HAVE QUOTED AMMAN AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL'S LOSSES IN MEN DURING THE FIRST 5 DAYS OF THE FIGHTING RANGE BETWEEN 1,500 AND 2,000 KILLED OR WOUNDED WHILE ITS LOSSES IN TANKS AMOUNT TO 600.

IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE STILL MAINTAINING COMPLETE SILENCE ABOUT THEIR LOSSES. BUT THE TEL AVIV CORRESPONDENT OF THE BRITISH GUARDIAN HAS QUOTED AN ISRAELI OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT BLOOD PLASMA AT THE BLOOD BANK IN TEL-AVIV HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. THIS PROVES THAT THE CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN HIGH.

OUR RADIO CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT UNDOUBTEDLY THE CIA IN WASHINGTON IS IN A POSITION TO GET THE FACTS AND TO VERIFY THEM, PARTICULARLY IF THEY CONCERN ISRAEL. IF THE CIA'S FIGURES ON THESE ISRAELI LOSSES IN MEN AND TANKS DO NOT REPRESENT THE TRUTH, THEN THE ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THEY CONCEAL SOME OF THE FACTS. NATURALLY, THE CIA WILL NEVER EXAGGERATE THE ISRAELI LOSSES.

A QUICK STUDY OF THE LOSSES ANNOUNCED BY THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN ARMED FORCES IN THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY COMMUNIQUE SHOWS A CLEAR AGREEMENT ON THE ENEMY LOSSES AS ANNOUNCED IN THESE COMMUNIQUE. THIS PROVES THAT WE ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ANNOUNCING ALL THE FACTS MOST TRUTHFULLY.

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